



Team of Seven

In our last newsletter I mentioned that we were struggling with low recruitment for the Summer Short-Term Team to Turkey. We have an answer to prayer. We now have finalized our team as a team of seven, not five. But there's more. Betty's joining me on the team!

Let me introduce the team: Betty and I, Haeideh (an Iranian Muslim-born believer), Jesse (a Chinese-Canadian psychologist), Sandra (a Romanian student), Inge (a German-Canadian ESL teacher), and Deborah (an American student). So, our team is still very international.

Notice that there are only two men on the team and I'm one of them. Thankfully Haeideh, a mother of three adult children, will provide mentoring and oversight for the women. She has already bonded well with the women. Betty will assist me administratively. Inge will provide expertise for our Conversational English component. And all of us will be doing front-line ministry.

Orientation and Debrief Site Needed

Several things are still not nailed down. Our orientation and debrief site is tied up in litigation in Turkey. It's a Christian camp. Pray for them as they seek a fair judgment. Now we need to find another site. The long-term workers over there are looking into alternative locations. They are also looking for our housing. Pray for their success.

Prices Up!

The volcanic disaster that crippled international travel recently prompted some in the industry to add a new tax, perhaps to recoup losses—about \$80 per ticket. This was not on our radar when we drew up the budget. It's something that we need to factor in and determine how we need to re-allocate funds over there. Cost of apartments is not known at this time. However, inflation seems to work in our favor this year. You can see why I need Betty's assistance with financial management for the team in such a fluid economic environment.

All need more Funding...including us!

As in the past, so too this year, we are asking that you prayerfully consider donating to our summer short-term ministry. Everyone must raise funds to go, and Betty and I are not the exception. Already one brother has donated exceptionally generously so that Betty can go. Please consider partnering with us by making an extra gift to our ministry and scheduling frequent prayer for us, from now until we return.

Pray For ...

- Housing and orientation/debrief sites.
- Encouragement for several on team who are struggling with inadequate funding.
- Health. Haeideh, Betty and I feel our age. (Haeideh tells me she's 200 years old.) And intestinal afflictions come with the territory for any one of the seven.
- Wisdom regarding allocation of limited team resources for the uncertain economic climate we will be entering.
- Spiritual life. Most of the refugees do not know Christ, and those who do experience much adversity.

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